

Administrative Memo

Date: March 8, 2022
To: School Administrators
From: Jocelyn Strand, Improvement and Accountability Administrator, Office of Quality Schools
Subject: QS-22-002 — Implementation of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) 6

On February 11, 2020, the Missouri State Board of Education approved standards and indicators for the sixth version of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP). Since that time, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) re-established its MSIP Advisory Committee (MAC) to provide expertise and advice regarding the other important elements in MSIP 6. The MAC, a 34-member group of education practitioners, was instrumental in the development of metrics that measure and evaluate MSIP 6 standards and indicators.

Implementation of MSIP 6 begins with the 2021-22 school year. This year, all local education agencies (LEAs) will participate in performance elements and some LEAs will volunteer to pilot the continuous improvement elements. Over the coming three years, the continuous improvement elements will be phased in for all LEAs. In accordance with [Section 161.855, RSMo](#), classification status will not be lowered under MSIP 6 in this initial implementation year.

Key points in MSIP 6 include:

- **Continuous Improvement** — This process documents LEA-identified areas for improvement and self-directed plans for addressing them.
- **Growth and Status** — Previous iterations of MSIP have measured student achievement in combination with either status and progress, or status and growth. MSIP 6 includes independent status and growth measures.
- **Success-Ready** — MSIP 6 measures performance and continuous improvement measures throughout the K-12 spectrum.
- **High School Assessment** — Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, MSIP 6 requires LEAs to administer End-of-Course (EOC) assessments during the academic year in which corresponding course credit is awarded to students.

The preliminary draft of the [MSIP 6 Comprehensive Guide to the Missouri School Improvement Program](#) (the *Comprehensive Guide*) provides more detail on these and other elements of MSIP 6. Stakeholders are invited to share questions and feedback during a comment period from March 8-25, 2022, using [the MSIP 6 feedback form](#). The next steps in the MSIP 6 implementation include a public hearing in May, establishment of targets for academic achievement this summer, and a final public hearing in the fall.

DESE will host a live webinar at noon on Thursday, March 17 to share more about MSIP 6 with stakeholders and take questions from the field. Join the webinar at [Livestream.com/MoDESE/MSIP6](https://livestream.com/MoDESE/MSIP6). Find the preliminary *Comprehensive Guide* and more information about the comment period, public hearings, and other steps in the implementation of MSIP 6 on the DESE [MSIP 6 webpage here](#).

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